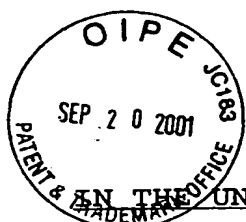


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COMMUNICATION TO CORRECT ERROR IN FILING RECEIPT

This Communication is filed to request the issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt in connection with the above-identified application. Upon receipt of the official Filing Receipt for the subject application, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, applicants' undersigned attorney noticed an error.

Specifically, the continuing data for the subject application incorrectly lists U.S. Serial No. 09/017,976 as a continuation application.

The continuing data on a corrected Filing Receipt should read as follows:

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Applicants contend that the correct data may be found in the Application for United States Letters Patent, which was filed on February 3, 1999. A copy of the first page of the Application for United States Letters Patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. Accordingly, applicants request that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account 03-3125.


Respectfully submitted,

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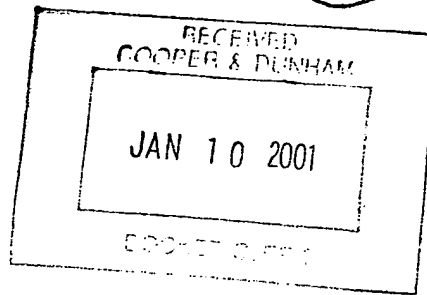


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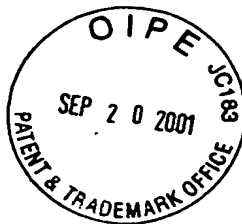
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Methods for predicting pregnancy outcome in a subject by hCG assay

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METHODS FOR PREDICTING PREGNANCY OUTCOME
IN A SUBJECT BY hCG ASSAY

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 09/017,976, filed February 3, 1998, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into this application.

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The invention disclosed herein was made with United States Government support under National Institutes of Health Grant Nos. NIEHS ES-07589 and HD 15454. Accordingly, the U.S. Government has certain rights in this invention.

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Background of the Invention

Throughout this application, various publications are referenced by author and date. Full citations for these publications may be found listed alphabetically at the end of the specification immediately preceding the claims. The disclosures of these publications in their entireties are hereby incorporated by reference into this application in order to more fully describe the state of the art.

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Early pregnancy loss (EPL) is a widespread, but largely undiagnosed problem. In order to adequately diagnose and develop treatments for EPL it is essential to be able to detect and measure the rate of occurrence of EPL. This is critically important in epidemiological studies, some of which are related to exposures to known or suspected reproductive toxins in the workplace, in the environment or by personal use. These early pregnancy losses are often not recognized by women or physicians and are detected solely by the measurement of hCG in the urine at the time between implantation and expected menses. They are sometimes termed "chemical pregnancies" or "occult pregnancies." A landmark epidemiological study established that the incidence of

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